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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 1 September 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 1 December 2004. Claims 14-16 and 20-22 were rejected and the rejection was made final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

This response includes the following enclosures:

Exhibit A: copies of pages from <u>College Chemistry</u> and <u>Stedman's Medical Dictionary</u> with definitions of "solution" and "suspension."

Exhibit B: a paper by Vehar, et al., Nature (1984) 312:337-342.

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Declaration of Professor Edward G. D. Tuddenham.

Declaration of Dr. Sam L. Helgerson.

Consideration of these enclosures is also requested.

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